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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment at least fully steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good. Supplies were sufficient to tight for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were short to adequate for the light to fairly good demand. Light type hens were about sufficient for the mostly moderate demand.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

MIDWEST REGIONAL Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were 1 cent higher for mediums. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was moderate to good with limited feature activity. Food service movement was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to closely balanced. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand improved and was reported as moderate to fairly good as current inventories begin to clear while schedules return to normal after the holidays. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to instances fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	86-94	90-92
LARGE	86-94	88-91
MEDIUM	67-73	70-72

MW Area: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY & Western PA.

IA-MN-WI - Prices paid to producers.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	69-76	71
MEDIUM	52-56	54
SMALL	35-37	

NORTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher for mediums. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate on the larger sizes, but at times close on mediums. Breaking stock offerings were irregular, ranging adequate to short. Demand was light to moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate for a mostly moderate demand. Slaughter schedules for the upcoming week were reported as normal.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93-107	96-99
LARGE	89-104	94-98
MEDIUM	70-85	74-77

NE Area: CT, DC, MA, MD, ME, NH, Eastern NJ, Eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, & VT.

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was fairly good to good going into the weekend. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to tight. Central states breaking stock prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand improved and was reported as moderate to fairly good as current inventories begin to clear while schedules return to normal following the holidays. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to instances fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
LARGE	94.5-103	96-99
MEDIUM	74.5-83	76-79

SC Area: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, MN, OK & TX.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending slightly higher on mediums and unchanged on the balance. The market tone was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to tight for present trade needs. Breaking stock offerings were mixed and ranged short to sufficient for the light to moderate demand. Offerings of light type fowl were about adequate for the mostly moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	95.5-103	97-100
LARGE	94-101	95-98
MEDIUM	72.5-80	73-77

SE Area: AL, FL, GA, MNS, NC, SC, Eastern TN & Southern VA.

Prices to retailers, sales to volume buyers, USDA Grade A and Grade A, White eggs in cartones, delivered store door, cents per dozen.

CHICAGO AND MIDWEST Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm. Retail demand was good. Food service movement was moderate. Supplies were adequate to close.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-100	94-96
LARGE	91-100	92-95
MEDIUM	72-81	75-77

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

NEW YORK Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to fully steady entering the weekend. Demand was moderate to good, best where scattered feature activity was planned or in progress for next week. Supplies ranged sufficient to close for trade needs.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	83-87

WESTERN Prices unchanged. The market tone was fully steady to firm with asking prices for next week unchanged to 2 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large; 2 cents higher on medium. Retailer demand moderate to good, best to cover features. Offerings light.

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was steady on the large sizes with asking prices for next week unchanged on jumbo, extra large, and large; medium and small were firm with asking prices 2 cents higher. Retailer demand slowed outside features but features were heavier than last week. Offerings light. Small benchmark price 86. Ads in Southern California: major- large 18 pack 2 for \$3; smaller outlets- extra large dozen 99-129, large dozen 169, 20 pack 199.

CALIFORNIA: California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	131
EXTRA LARGE	129
LARGE	125
MEDIUM	106

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	116-121
EXTRA LARGE	114-119
LARGE	112-115
MEDIUM	93-96

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE
JUMBO	299-349
EXTRA LARGE	289-309
LARGE	239-279
MEDIUM	199-299

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK Prices ranged unchanged to higher. Demand improved and was reported as moderate to fairly good as current inventories begin to clear while schedules return to normal following the holidays. Offerings were balanced to adequate. Floor stocks closely balanced to instances fully adequate. Schedules full-time to over-time. Trade sentiment mostly steady. Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	65-66	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-58	52-54
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		
AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI		

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were unchanged when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was generally steady. Offerings were irregular, ranging adequate to short depending upon the location. Demand was light to moderate. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for week ending January 3, 2004 was 7% lower than last week and 11% less than the same week a year ago.

Prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 lb., minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	66-68	
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	52-57	
EASTERN REGION AREA:		
AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV		

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION - W/E 03-JAN-04
(LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

	CASES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BROKEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,023,841	24,594	9,555	5,050	2,574	3,645
PW	989,735	25,126	8,518	4,734	2,256	3,521
LY	1,075,635	24,656	10,600	5,859	3,047	4,085
% CHG PW	3	-2	12	7	14	4
% CHG LY	-5	0	-10	-14	-15	-11
2004	61,569,696	1,515,838	554,550	301,918	121,311	220,242
2003	63,488,409	1,488,045	604,311	324,990	147,139	225,781
% CHG YTD	-3	2	-8	-7	-18	-2
	CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST			
AVERAGE YIELD PER CASE -	WEEK	WEEK	YEAR			
(INEDIBLE INCLUDED)	41.85	42.33	42.02			
(INEDIBLE EXCLUDED)	38.29	38.78	38.22			

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized whites were too few to report with pasteurized salt yolk reported from 61 to 67 cents fob, mostly 66 cents fob. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites, with yolk rated as steady to weak. Many observers felt whole egg and yolk values were close to leveling as available breaking stock was absorbed and retail cartoned demand improved while schedules returned to normal. Demand for all liquid products was fairly good to instances good with white demand best. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to last week.

Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			CHANGE FROM	
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	22	49-56	52.50	-
WHITES	11	64-65	64.45	-
YOLKS	15	51-63	55.40	-

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Prices ranged slightly higher on whites but generally lower to occasionally unchanged on balance of items when compared to the previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was unsettled to weak on yolks, at best cautiously steady on whole, but usually fully steady to firm on whites. Interest improved, however buyers were unaggressive and closely watching further market developments. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 03 January 2004 were 2% more than the previous week, and 4% more than last year.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN. 25 CONT.)	LTL
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	70-79	71-74	78-89
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		80-94
WHITES	74-79	75-77	80-86
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-89	75-77	81-98
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-79	71-76	77-95
(/)- Whole plus yolk plus sweetener, generally 20-32% egg solids.			

CENTRAL REGION FROZEN Frozen whole egg, sugared and salted yolk ranged unchanged to lower with whites unchanged to 1 cent higher. Trade sentiment was about steady for whole egg, fully steady to firm for whites, and weak for sugared and salted yolk. Many observers felt that whole egg values were beginning to level off. Offerings were closely balanced to adequate for all products in most locations. Demand was reported as fair although spot sales continued on an as needed basis only. Breaking stock prices were unchanged to higher when compared to the previous week.

Wholesale selling prices (cents per lb. in 30 lb. containers)

	TRUCKLOTS	
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	71-75	71-73
WHITES	76-79	76-78
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	72-83	77
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-79	71-74

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents lower on whole, 1 cent higher on whites, and 6 cents lower on yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 1/3 was 7% more than the previous week. Frozen demand slowed and freezer stocks were adequate.

Wholesale selling prices, FOB shipping point (cents per pound in 30 lb. containers)

	LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE
WHOLE	77-80
WHITES	81-84
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	81-84
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	78-81

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Majority prices were unchanged to lower on whole and yolks, unchanged to slightly higher on albumen and lower on blends when compared to a week earlier. Demand and trading improved but was not heavy as offerings were normally reported as irregular but mostly short on albumen, slightly more available but generally adequate on whole, and at least sufficient on yolks. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 03 January 2004 were 14% higher than the previous week, but 15% lower than last year. The total year to date dried egg produced were 18% less than a year ago.

Wholesale selling prices, dollars per lb., in containers, trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	2.95-3.35	MOSTLY	3.00-3.10
YOLKS	1.64-2.10	MOSTLY	1.70-1.85
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	5.70-6.20	MOSTLY	5.76-5.85
BLENDS (WHOLE PLUS SWEETENER)	1.95-2.25	MOSTLY	1.95-2.00

TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES* WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR JANUARY 2, 2004-JANUARY 8, 2004

CURRENT LOADS 93.00								FUTURE LOADS 75.50				TOTAL LOADS 168.50											
SE				NE				MW				SC				NW				SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS								
GNR W 1	73.50	82.55	76.50	75.29	81.00	73.25	40.00	GL W XL	81.33	87.50	--	--	--	89.10	15.75								
GNR W 2	72.50	74.00	71.00	67.60	60.00	62.00	8.00	GL W LG	79.33	88.00	--	--	--	87.72	25.50								
GNR W 3	--	--	54.00	55.00	56.00	54.50	3.00	GL W MD	--	--	--	--	--	71.53	11.75								
GNR W 4	--	56.00	51.50	52.50	53.00	--	4.00	GL W SM	--	47.00	--	--	--	--	2.00								
GNR BR 1	--	99.00	107.00	107.00	--	--	3.00	GL BR LG	--	113.00	--	--	--	--	1.00								
GL W J	--	--	88.50	89.50	--	--	2.00	NRBS - 48	--	--	--	--	--	--	9.00								
GL W XL	--	91.00	87.20	90.11	80.01	84.80	45.00																
GL W LG	--	89.68	82.40	85.37	78.41	83.00	39.75																
GL W MD	69.33	67.00	65.57	69.67	60.33	64.50	29.25																
GL W SM	45.00	47.00	51.00	52.50	46.00	48.00	4.00																
GL BR LG	--	--	103.00	--	--	118.00	2.00																
NRBS - 48	--	67.00	--	--	--	65.00	12.00																
NRBS - 39	--	--	--	--	48.00	49.50	1.00																

*Weighted average prices are listed for various classed priced by origin and/or destination for 6 regions. The loads column reflects total loads reported and includes loads with prices to be determined later. NRBS categories represent net weight-material may or may not be included. Load movement represents total movement within 6 regions.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Majority values were unchanged to slightly lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was mostly moderate. Offerings of spent fowl were about adequate. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12	9-11

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Disposal costs were too few to report. Supplies of light fowl were fully adequate for needs. Schedules were normal. Values were expected to remain unchanged.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged with majority values lower. Demand was fair to good with traditional processor bookings arriving as scheduled while rendering operators report a lack of available spent fowl. Offerings were reported as unavailable to balanced. Opinions of value were unsettled.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	0-12.5	3-7.5

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light. Offerings adequate.

COMBINED REGIONAL SHELL EGGS

Average prices on sales to volume buyers, Grade A Large or better, White eggs in cartons, delivered warehouse, cents per dozen.

REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	97.50	96.00	75.50
SOUTHEAST	98.50	96.50	75.00
MIDWEST	91.00	89.50	71.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	97.50	97.50	77.50
COMBINED REGIONAL	96.16	94.98	74.88

COMPUTED FROM SIMPLE WEEKLY AVERAGES WEIGHTED BY REGIONAL AREA POPULATIONS

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both light and heavy canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate. Trading was light. Available offerings were well cleared. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

21-26 MAJORITY 23.5-24.5 29-37 MAJORITY 34-35

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS**
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

23-29 MAJORITY 26-27 31.5-39 MAJORITY 35.5-37.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 20-Dec-03
(PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	1,340	1,509	2,849
LAST WEEK	1,379	1,292	2,671
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,782	1,442	3,224
TO-DATE/2003	71,977	71,311	143,288
TO-DATE/2002	88,473	72,137	160,610

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	192	4	196
LAST WEEK	241	3	244
SAME WEEK YR AGO	341	11	352
TO-DATE/2003	10,883	152	11,035
TO-DATE/2002	15,300	301	15,601

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,532	1,513	3,045
LAST WEEK	1,620	1,295	2,915
SAME WEEK YR AGO	2,123	1,453	3,576
TO-DATE/2003	82,860	71,463	154,323
TO-DATE/2002	103,773	72,438	176,211

SOURCE: USDA/AMS PLTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BR.

Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade**U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	359	472	17,242
Frozen	0	0	96
Dried	40	80	599
Total	399	552	17,937

U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)

Week Ending December 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	26	14	5,444
Frozen	2	67	3,701
Dried	0	86	1,292
Total	28	167	10,437

Inspected Shell Eggs**U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)**

Week Ending December 20, 2003		Year-To-Date	
2003	2002 /1	2003	2002
Jumbo	19	50	622
Extra Large	4,250	3,076	44,228
Large	8,084	7,031	149,576
Medium	1,687	1,228	69,790
Ungraded	0	5,970	182,412
Misc	0	0	14,642
Total	14,040	17,355	461,270

Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding.

Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - (INCL GOVT STOCKS)**SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

	FREGS LBS	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 01/01/04	3,162	119,108	43,610
AM 12/01/03	3,395	110,555	45,473
CHG	-233	8553	-1863
PCT CHG	-7%	8%	-4%

Based on the historical relationship of the preliminary U.S. Cold Storage holdings report of November 30, 2003 and the selected centers storage report, the expected U.S. holdings on January 1, 2004 are:

FROZEN EGGS	14 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
TURKEYS	381 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%
POULTRY	560 MIL LBS PLUS OR MINUS	5%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS

W/E 03-Jan-2004

SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT CHG	
CONSUMING CENTERS	THOUSANDS		PW	LY
ATLANTA	25.3	33.0	-23	7
BOSTON	4.1	4.3	-5	14
CHICAGO	66.7	69.4	-4	32
DETROIT	32.9	32.2	2	-5
KANSAS CITY	4.5	5.8	-22	2
LOS ANGELES	97.1	103.5	-6	11
NEW ORLEANS	9.7	10.5	-8	-16
NEW YORK	31.3	31.8	-2	-22
ST. LOUIS	18.5	16.3	13	13
SAN FRANCISCO	24.0	24.7	-3	0
TOTAL	314.1	331.5	-5	6
4 WK MVG AVG	322.8			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT

W/E 03-Jan-04

(RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

REGIONS	CASES (IN THOUS)	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
		PW	LY
N. ATLANTIC	217.0	-3	-5
E.N. CENTRAL	525.2	1	0
W.N. CENTRAL	272.6	-1	-1
S. ATLANTIC	180.9	-2	0
S. CENTRAL	109.6	4	20
WEST	181.7	-1	-7
TOTAL	1487.0	0	-1
MATCHED PLANTS REPORTING		85	85

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT

Jan 6, 2004

PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
MAINE	153	148	109	81
MOSTLY	-	-	-	-
NEW HAMPSHIRE	146-150	141-145	103-106	74-78
MOSTLY	148-149	143-144	104-105	76-77
RHODE ISLAND	152-156	147-151	108-112	80-84
MOSTLY	152	147	108	80
VERMONT	155-156	150-151	109-112	-
MOSTLY	156	151	112	-

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MONTHLY INVENTORY U.S. DRIED EGGS

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

COMPARISONS ON THE BASIS OF MATCHED PLANTS

CLASS	NUMBER OF POUNDS LAST	% CHANGE MONTH	% CHANGE LAST YEAR
WHOLE			
PLAIN	995,977	42	-30
FREE FLOWING	1,760,800	-11	-51
BLEND	1,297,173	38	-33
WHITE			
(ALBUMEN)	4,116,420	-9	-61
BLEND	119,900	45	-45
YOLK			
PLAIN	1,084,343	11	-46
BLEND	30,987	-5	-60
FREE FLOWING (W/SODIUM SILICO ALUMINATE)	2,867,943	-21	-32
TOTAL	12,273,543	-5	-49

DRIED EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION:

NOVEMBER 30, 2003 - JANUARY 3, 2004 TOTAL 8,507,000 POUNDS.

Calculations were adjusted to represent matched plants from current month compared to previous month, and current month compared to previous year. Subsequently, the percent change calculations may be based on different cooperators if directly compared with data on previous reports.

U.S. /CANADIAN LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER INSPECTION

Week ending 27-Dec-03

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED DOMESTICALLY

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	918	808	1,726
LAST WEEK	1,340	1,509	2,849
SAME WEEK YR AGO	967	678	1,645
TO-DATE/2003	72,895	72,119	145,014
TO-DATE/2002	89,440	72,815	162,255

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THOUSANDS		
HEAD	88	7	95
LAST WEEK	192	4	196
SAME WEEK YR AGO	101	0	101
TO-DATE/2003	10,971	159	11,130
TO-DATE/2002	15,401	301	15,702

SOURCE: Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division

TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,006	815	1,821
LAST WEEK	1,532	1,513	3,045
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,068	678	1,746
TO-DATE/2003	83,866	72,278	156,144
TO-DATE/2002	104,841	73,116	177,957

SOURCE: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch